

Town of Royalton Selectboard  
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

May 8, 2012

Public Present: Mr. Eric Jacobs, Mr. Robert Townsend, Mr. Wayne Manning, Ms. Catherine Hazlett (Health Connections), Stuart Levasseur, Administrative Assistant to the Royalton Selectboard Nathan Cleveland,

Royalton Selectboard: Chairman Larry Trottier, Ernie Amsden, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, and Phil Gates

Chairman L. Trottier opened the regular Selectboard meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Trottier reported that the contractor working on Broadbrook Rd. has requested permission to close the section being worked on for 2 days. Traffic will be re-routed around Plaisted Rd.

#### **Appointments**

##### **Journey Church, Pastor Brad Keller – Sidewalk, and shed removal**

Pastor Keller was present to inform the Selectboard that the Journey Church is planning on removing the large shed behind the Church. At this time there is no schedule for its removal. He also inquired if the Selectboard would consider continuing the sidewalk past the Church's property towards Caron Circle. Pastor Keller reiterated that the church facility is always available for town functions if needed.

##### **Mr. Manning, Mr. Jacobs – Discontinued railroad crossing**

Discussion ensued on the discontinuance of the railroad crossing between Alexander Place and Pleasant Street. This discontinuance of the road is on the concerns is on the property line between that property owned by Mr. Manning and Mr. Jacobs.

##### **Health Connections, Catherine Hazlett**

Ms. Hazlett of Healthy Connections of the Upper Valley was present to inform the Selectboard of a grant that her organization received that focuses on reducing tobacco use and obesity. This grant will allow students of South Royalton High School to address and hopefully reduce tobacco use by youth and promote healthy living to address teen obesity.

#### **Public Concerns**

##### **Selectboard Minutes of April 24, and May 1, 2012**

**Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates, to accept the minutes of April 24 and May 1, 2012. JG abstained from May 1, 2012. Motion passed 4-0**

### **Request to use the South Royalton Village Green (Old Home Days)**

Dave Whitney, Chief of the Royalton Volunteer Fire Department had contacted the Selectboard office for permission to use the South Royalton Village Green July 19, 20, 21, 2012 for the annual Old Home Days event. He also requested that the alcohol ordinance be lifted for that period.

**Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by E. Amsden, to allow the use of the South Royalton Village Green on July 19, 20, 21 waiving the alcohol ordinance for these dates. The motion passed 4-0**

### **Appointed Officers**

**Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein, appointing David Lyman, Peter Chapman, and George Spaulding to the position of Fence Viewers and David Lyman to the position of Inspector of Lumber. The motion passed 4-0**

### **Royalton Town Forest – Proposed sale to Nava Bio Energy**

The Selectboard reviewed a cancelation request for a NRCS agreement concerning delaying mowing of the field (that is located at the Royalton Town Forest) that is proposed to be sold. The legal notice, notifying residents of the pending sale was also reviewed. **Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein, to execute the legal notice of the sale of 8.7 acres of the Royalton Town Forest, and executing the cancelation request for delaying mowing. The motion passed 4-0**

### **Carpenter Property – Proposed purchase/relocation of Gilman Rd.**

### **Basic Emergency Operations Plan**

The Selectboard will meet with emergency personnel to review and update the town of Royalton's emergency management plans on June 5, 2012. This meeting will take place at the Royalton Fire and Rescue Station located on Safford St.

### **Excess Weight**

**Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth, approving excess weight permits for JJ & Sons Logging (as requested), and WB Rogers (3 axle weight limit set at 68,000 lbs). The motion passed 4-0**

### **FEMA Projects**

The Selectboard reviewed a proposed addendum to the Lovejoy Bridge project that would allow contractors to submit a bid based on pricing for concrete beams to be poured in place as opposed to pre-poured, pre stressed beams. The Selectboard was not opposed and gave approval of the addendum.

### **Oxbow Road**

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland asked when the Selectboard planned on beginning work on the Oxbow Road. Discussion ensued on the scope of the project. It was requested that the Road Foreman attend the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss the project in detail. The Selectboard set June 15, 2012 as the date to start the project.

### **Crawford Autoland Property**

The Selectboard discussed the ability to proceed with renovation plans for the Crawford Autoland Building. Questions arose about the potential liability for contamination if the town proceeds with renovations prior to a completed brownfields assessment. It was also noted that the floor plan should be finalized prior to proceeding further so that when the town applies for liability coverage the entire project will be known. The Selectboard asked Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland to speak with the Town Treasurer about available funds for constructing a vault for vital records. It was noted that renovations will need to include a new heating system, roof repairs, and overhead doors in the garage. No action was taken.

### **Other/New Business**

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported on potential funding from NRCS (Emergency Watershed Protection program) for woody debris cleanup within channels of the streams and rivers. The debris must pose a danger to infrastructure. Discussion ensued. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth, to apply for funding through to address woody debris in the rivers and streams. Motion passed 3-2 (EA and PG opposed)**

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Nathan P. Cleveland